

# RESEARCH & SCHOLARSHIP

## Autism

Teal Benevides, PhD, OTR/L, Pam Kearney, EdD, OTR/L, Sharon Cosper, MHS, OTR/L, Mallory Lanier, MHS, OTR/L

- African-American Caregiver Beliefs, Knowledge, and Expectations Affecting Help-Seeking for their Children with Autism. Funded by Augusta University: \$21,412 (PI: Benevides)
- Priority Setting to Improve Health Outcomes: Autistic Adults and other Stakeholders Engage Together. Funded by EAIN4208, Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI): \$250,000 (Project Lead: Benevides)
- Medical Care Utilization and Costs among Transition-age Young Adult Medicare Beneficiaries with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Funded by HRSA: \$100,000 (PI: Carretta)

## Low Vision

Priya Narayanan, PhD, Mallory Lanier, MHS, OTR/L

- Diabetic Retinopathy and Patient Outcomes Following OT Intervention
- Polyamine Oxidase as a Therapeutic Target for Diabetic Retinopathy. Funded by Augusta University (PI: Narayanan)
- Role of Arginase in Multiple Sclerosis Mediated Retinal Neuronal Injury. Funded by PP-1606-08778, National Multiple Sclerosis Society (PI: Narayanan)

## Assessment Development and Validation

Leigh Lehman, PhD, OTR/L, Stephanie Johnson, MHS, OTR/L

- The ShOP Study (Shopping in Older Adults)
- The Effects of Psychological Factors on Outcomes for Patients with Lumbar Spine Disorders
- Development of a Dual Caregiver and Client QOL Measure for those Living with and Caring for Clients with ALS

## KAWA Model

Michael K. Iwama, PhD, OT(C), Jason Hughes, MS, OTR/L

- Does the KAWA Model Impact Rehabilitation Experience in Clients Admitted to an Inpatient Hospital Setting?
- Evaluating and Categorizing the Knowledge Resources of The Kawa Model



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